



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hawai'i Military Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Hawai'i was annexed by the United States of America as a territory in 1898 and subsequently became the 50th state of the union on August 21, 1959, following a statehood vote receiving 94 percent approval by island voters; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. military bases in Hawai'i served as the command and control center for U.S. military operations throughout the Pacific during World War II; Pearl Harbor and other military installations on O'ahu were attacked by Imperial Japan on December 7, 1941, resulting in the United States' entry into WWII; today the USS *Arizona*, sunk in the attack, together with the Battleship *Missouri*, aboard which Japan surrendered on September 2, 1945, serve as popular visitor sites and historical bookends representing the beginning and ending of American's role in the war;

WHEREAS, the U.S. military in Hawai'i has been instrumental in the Armed Forces primary mission in deterring armed conflicts in the Asia-Pacific Region; and the U.S. government has called upon Hawai'i's men and women to serve the Nation with honor, including in Korea from 1950 through 1953, during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1973; in the Liberation of Kuwait in 1991; and during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in the 2000s and present;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pacific Command, which includes the following component commands based in Hawai'i:

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| ★ U.S. Army Pacific | ★ U.S. Marines Forces Pacific |
| ★ U.S. Pacific Fleet | ★ Fourteenth Coast Guard District |
| ★ Pacific Air Forces | ★ Hawai'i National Guard |

were deployed on numerous occasions to stop the spread of terrorism in the Asia-Pacific Region and support combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's military forces remain on constant call to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the wake of natural disasters that frequently occur in the Asia-Pacific Region; and the military's mission to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific Region has enabled unprecedented growth in commerce and trade; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has greatly benefitted from the military's presence, with growth in defense spending becoming the second major source of revenues to our local economy, accounting for \$14.7 billion in state revenues and creating upwards of 100,000 jobs that account for generating more than \$8.7 billion in household income annually; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i values our military personnel and their families ones as members of our island community, and we remain committed to them the same way they have made a commitment to all of us in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

"HAWAI'I MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask business leaders and citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the significant contributions of the military to our state's security and economy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of May 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i